Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity to discuss the Global

War on Terror in Iraq and Afghanistan. With the events of the past few

weeks, including the completion of a democratically elected government

and the elimination of al-Qaeda terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, we have

seen the development of democracies and another strong blow against

terrorism. The importance of staying the course in Iraq and standing

strong is evident with every success.

Steadfast determination in Iraq is key to the security of the United

States and the global community. I strongly support the United States'

continued military involvement in the Global War on Terror. The

importance of keeping our country safe by standing up for democracy and

freedom is our number one priority.

I had the opportunity to visit with our troops in Iraq and felt so

proud. Their determination to bring peace and hope to the Middle East

and end the terrorist threat to the U.S. was humbling and inspiring.

Nothing demonstrates our military families' commitment more than the

family of Corporal Michael Anderson Jr. who lost his life in Iraq. They

came to Washington, from Modesto, California, recently to honor is

life. It was a privilege to meet such an inspiring family, who, in the

face of tragedy, demonstrated unwavering patriotism.

Our courageous soldiers, who are fighting for freedom and our way of

life, deserve the full support of the American people. We owe it to

those who have given their lives, to stay and complete this mission.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the resolution declaring

the United States will prevail in the Global War on Terror.